

EPIC (Economics for Price Indexes Conference) Draft Program

Venue: Lecture Theatre2 (G12), Ground floor, Economics and Commerce Building, University of Melbourne (see map)

Transport suggestions: Taxi to; tram to (see map attached)

Reception and Welcome morning drinks: from 9.30 am –

10am: Conference Opening: Prof. Nilss Olekalns, Head, Department of Economics

Convenor's remarks on the day's proceedings, logistics, and conference objectives

Developments re. CPI, PPI and related matters at the ABS: Judy Henson, ABS members

CPI for monetary policy, including index adjustments: Tony Richards, RBA team

Research on CPI and Living Costs: Garry Barrett

CPI treatment of **financial services, share prices** Colonial and UBS – Ken C

CPI and **transport sector** – Philip Norman and colleagues at VicTrans

CPI, **food and dietary treatments**

Lunch 12.45 – 1.30 – provided at the venue for all delegates

1.30 **Housing** and the CPI – RESI

CPI, PPI and the difficult problem of product quality change – led by Neville Norman

Producer Price indexes – construction issues, research applications

Use of CPI and PPI for **business and public sector pricing**, cost analysis

Summary thoughts from the **ABS**

Reflections on the Conference from Ken Clements

Close 4pm

Any delegates with specific dietary or transport needs should advise the convenor immediately

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